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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ryuichi ISHII et al.
Title: HEAT-RESISTING STEEL,
METHOD FOR THERMALLY
TREATING HEAT-RESISTING
STEEL, AND COMPONENTS
MADE OF HEAT-RESISTING
STEEL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 7, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-6 and 9-20 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims..

--21. A heat-resisting steel consisting essentially of 0.20 (exclusive) – 0.30 wt.% C, 0.05 - 0.30 wt.% Si, 0.01 - 0.7 wt.% Mn, 1.8 – 2.5 wt.% Cr, 0.15 - 0.23 wt.% V, 1.5 – 2.5 wt.% W, 0.01 - 0.02 wt.% Ti, 0.01 - 0.08 wt.% Nb, 0.005 - 0.03 wt.% N, 0.001 - 0.015 wt.% B, and Fe and unavoidable impurities as the remainder.

22. A heat-resisting steel consisting essentially of 0.20 (exclusive) – 0.30 wt.% C, 0.05 - 0.30 wt.% Si, 0.01 - 0.7 wt.% Mn, 1.8 – 2.5 wt.% Cr, 0.15 - 0.23